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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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DAWN L. TERRY-DEW, LPN	:	
License No. 26NP07160900	:	INTERIM
	:	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE NURSING	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Dawn L. Terry-Dew ("Respondent"), a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested twice on the same day for multiple drug-related charges. Respondent resides in Pennsylvania, but works as a prison nurse in New Jersey. Allegedly, Respondent was on her way to work on July 19, 2016 when Pennsylvania State Police arrested her on a warrant issued

for drug charges stemming from an alleged purchase of heroin by an informant out of Respondent's Pennsylvania residence in April 2016. After she was arraigned, Respondent was transported to the Monroe County Correctional Facility in Pennsylvania. As Respondent was being processed, two bricks containing 97 packets of heroin were allegedly found in her purse. A second set of charges were filed against Respondent, including possession of a controlled substance/contraband as an inmate, possession with intent to deliver heroin, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and lacks good moral character which is an underlying foundation for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26, both of which would provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

The allegations also indicate that Respondent may be presently engaged in drug or alcohol use that is likely to impair her ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(l). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f), the Board may order any person, as a

condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to submit to evaluation, testing, and monitoring which may be required to evaluate whether continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e), the Board may order any person, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to secure professional treatment as may be necessary to properly discharge the functions of a licensee.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily suspending her license without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2016,  
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. The license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey, issued to Respondent, Dawn L. Terry-Dew, is hereby voluntarily surrendered, to be deemed a temporary suspension of license, effective immediately, pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this

Order, forward all nursing licenses, both wallet and wall versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

3. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent can demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice, has undergone a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation through the Recovery And Monitoring Program (RAMP) of New Jersey, and can present a writing from RAMP, supporting her return to practice and specifying the conditions, if any, under which such return to practice should take place.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

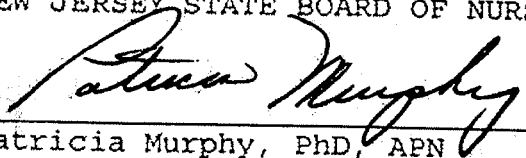
5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory

or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

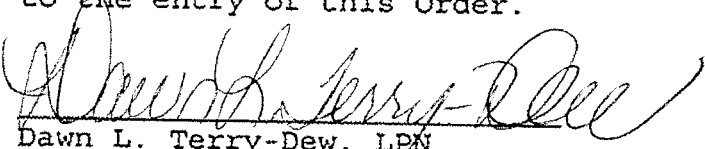
6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above or upon disposition of the criminal matters. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to impose discipline, limitations, and/or restrictions at the time of Respondent's petition for reinstatement of her license, including a denial of reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

  
Dawn L. Terry-Dew, LPN  
License # 26NP07160900